GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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NEED FOR IMPROVING ANTI-DUMPING AGREEMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India has stressed the need for improving the anti-dumping agreement and removal of the provisions that are trade distortionary and prone to abuse and misuse by countries which are more adept in blending and interpreting various legal provisions;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether though the Indian exporters have been subjected to a number of actions by other countries, India is yet to initiate any action for imposition of countervailing duty; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)
(a) Yes sir. The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India has sought certain improvements in the Anti-dumping Agreement.
(b) The Doha Ministerial mandate of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) provides for negotiations aimed at improving and clarifying the disciplines under the Anti-dumping Agreement. India has submitted a proposal to WTO`s Negotiating Group on Rules highlighting some issues for seeking clarifications and improvements so as to ensure that the Anti-dumping Agreement is not misused for protectionist purposes.
(c) & (d): While Indian exporters have been subjected to countervailing duty actions by certain countries, the Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied Duties, in the absence of any representation or specific complaint in this regard, has so far not initiated any case for imposition of countervailing duty under the provisions of WTO`s Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.